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SUBJECT: ICCS AT LOW EBB

1. SUMMARY, IN PLENARY SESSION MAY 23, ICCS REACHED UNPRECEDENTED
LOW POINT IN ATMOSPHERE AND PROCEDURAL HAGGLINGS OVER NEW
HUNGDEL/

POLDEL TACTICS WHICH COULD EFFECTIVELY PARALYZE WHAT LITTLE
SUBSTANTIVE ACTION ICCS IS PRESENTLY TAKING. HUNGDEL/

POLDEL POSITION, STAKED OUT DURING THREE HOUR ACrimonious DEBATE,
APPLIES PRINCIPLE OF UNANIMITY TO PLENARY AGENDA WHICH MEANS THAT
ANY ONE DEL CAN PREVENT DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF ANY SINGLE
ITEM. AS A RESULT, MAY 23 RD PLENARY NEVER GOT OFF THE GROUND.

END SUMMARY

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2. AS FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS, ICCS IS NORMALLY ACCUSTOMED TO PROCEEDING, WITHOUT ANY DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA, TO ROUTINE ACCEPTANCE OF RECORD OF DECISION FROM PREVIOUS MEETING. HOWEVER, IMMEDIATELY UPON OPENING OF PLENARY MAY 23, HUNGDEL RAISED OBJECTIONS TO THREE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. ITEMS WERE THREE REPORTS FROM REGION VII COVERING INTERROGATIONS OF NVA PRISONERS AND HAD BEEN PLACED ON AGENDA BY CANDEL. HUNGDEL EMPLOYED VARIETY OF PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ARGUMENTS IN ATTEMPTING TO FORCE ITEMS OFF PLENARY AGENDA AND WAS FULLY SUPPORTED BY POLDEL THROUGHOUT ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE WHICH RAGED FOR OVER THREE HOURS.

3. HUNGDEL FIRST ASSERTED THAT THE THREE " DOCUMENTS" FROM REGION VII COULD NOT CONSTITUTE ICCS REPORTS BECAUSE THERE EXISTED NO UNANIMITY AMONG SCHIPS TO INVESTIGATE. AS DISCUSSION LENGTHENED AND BECAME MORE HEATED, HUNGDEL FURTHER REFINED ITS POSITION AND ULTIMATELY MAINTAINED THAT PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED PROCEDURES IN PREPARING AGENDA ONLY PROVIDED FOR " PROVISIONAL AGENDA" WHICH DID NOT BECOME THE ACTUAL PLENARY AGENDA UNTIL THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT. THERE HAD BEEN NO PROBLEM WITH PREVIOUS AGENDAS BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO THE " POLGARIANS" NO CHIP DEL HAD HERETOFORE LOGED AN OBJECTION.

4. CANDEL SOURCES REPORT THAT AT THE HEIGHT OF THE ARGUMENT, INDODEL IN PARTICULAR BECAME MOST EXASPERATED WITH NEW HUNGDEL/ POLDEL LINE. CANDEL/ INDODEL REGISTERED COMPLETE OBJECTION TO HUNGEL/ POLDEL POSITION AND BOTH SIDES HELD THEIR POSTIONS. AGREEMENT COULD ONLY BE REACHED TO ADJOURN (MUCH TO THE RELIEF OF EXHAUSTED DELS) AND BEGIN ALL OVER AGAIN WITH SAME ISSUE AT NEXT PLENARY MEETING MAY 25. COMMISSION ALSO AGREED TO SCHEDULE SPECIAL PLENARY ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 24 TO DISCUSS INVESTIGATION REPORT OF LAO BAO HELICOPTER INCIDENT.

5. COMMENT: HUNGDEL/ POLDEL OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH POSSIBLE ICCS INVOLVEMENT IN ESTABLISHING PRESENCE OF NVA SOLDIERS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. POLES AND HUNGARIANS HAD ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED IN ONE OR THREE INTERROGATIONS REPORTS WHICH UNGDEL TRIED TO DROP FROM MAY 23 AGENDA. THEY HAD BECAME SANDBAGGED WHEN ARVN REPORTEDLY WITHOUT WARNING, (AT LEAST WITHOUT HUNGDEL/ POLDEL FOREKNOWLEDGE) DROPPED IN ON LOCAL ICCS TEAM MEETING WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEVERAL NVA PRISONERS AND POLGARIANS COULD NOT AVOID PARTICIPATING. NATURALLY, HUNGEL/ POLDEL AT TEAM LEVEL LATER REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION. TO COVER THEIR EMBARRASSMENT, HUNGDEL/ POLDEL IN SAIGON HAVE EVOLVED NEW TACTIC WHICH, IN EFFECT, PROVIDES TOTAL VETO POWER TO ANY SINGLE DEL

AS TO WHAT COMMISSION CAN DISCUSS OT CONSIDER. CANDEL
SOURCES ARE MAKING NO PREDICTIONS WHETHER LATEST POLGARIAN
OBSTRUCTIONIST TECNHIQUE, OVER WHICH CHIPS ARE AT COMPLETE LOGGER-
HEADS, CAN BE RESOLVED. INDONESIANS, LIKE CANDEL, ARE FURIOUS
WITH POLGARIANS TACTIC ON THIS ISSUE. END COMMENT
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